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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Bruno COLIN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 10/553,440

Examiner: B. NGUYEN

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For: REACTION MODULE FOR BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the April 8, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that claims 1-3 use unconventional claim language and are vague. In particular, the Office Action asserts that the claim language is vague with respect to the reaction module recited in claim 1. However, Applicants' disclose on page 3, lines 3-8, for example, the definition of a reaction module such that one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly understand the meaning of a reaction module as used in pending claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,714,341 to Thieme et al. (hereinafter "Thieme"); and rejects claims 2 and 3